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By MOSES BARITZ

In passing, it may be noted that the

Now, it is clear that the bourgeoisie does not appreciate the full implications of imperialism. It has applied gross falsification to the facts of what is going on. It is doing all the work of whitewashing. It is doing all the work of glorifying. It is just this appreciation of imperialism, also, that is the outstanding feature in half a million contemporary attempts to rush the war and hub-and-spoke relationship in the alleged defense of our national freedom and constitution. Certainly, a vast proportion of the cases have gone overseas from motives entirely alien to what I am discussing, nevertheless this motive is there, and what the social consciousness in this instance, of course, quite misdirected, still does is illuminating to future developments. This existence is the pertinent factor, both with men in the A.F.P. and disciples in the daily press, and when it is the universal possession of the rank and file of the community in common with the class-consciousness I have promised as the necessary preliminary, then we shall be ripe for the bloodless, orderly revolution that will sweep away capitalism, and, provided the capitalist and his myrmidons show them the deep attachment to law and order, our law and order that they so fervently asseverate to-day, place the worker in control of his job without the loss of a single human life.

Just as in the teaching of sociology the "educated" class malform the truth, and support the tyranny of capitalist rule, so

The tendency lies in the working class knowing its slave position in society. Knowing that the way of emancipation, is to educate our class on sound revolutionary lines, in a philosophy that is the complete repudiation of all the twaddle that is taught in the universities.

By W. H. LEVEY

A sun's aflame in the eastern sky,
With promise of wondrous day,
A songs athrill in the bushland night
With note of a wondrous lay.

The clank of a million chains awakes
The echoes of rock-scarred time,
As the gathered might of an aeon breaks
The fetters that ground in grime.

And elated rise the storied dead,
From their graves that blazed the way,
In shrouds inscribed with things they said
In the womb of yesterday.

The things that were wild, and red, and mad,
The chimera things of dream,
That are wrought to-day to make the sad
The glad of the new regime.

The slave of a thousand years is free,
But tatters of chains remain,
A relic of Man's barbarity
He never will wear again.

The slave of a thousand years is free!
Good God! Is it true at last?
Our Liberty, Love, Fraternity!
The goal of the martyred past.

THE ECONOMIC CLASS IS BEING HELD IN SYDNEY BRANCH HALL EVERY THURSDAY EVENING. ALL THOSE WHO DESIRE A KNOWLEDGE OF ECONOMICS SHOULD MAKE SURE OF ATTENDING.

SOCIALIST HALL
369 Pitt Street.

DANCE EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT
LECTURE EVERY SUNDAY EVENING

Samuel Griffiths, one of the Chief Justices has drawn £80,000 out of the taxes the bosses paid into the Commonwealth. Griffiths is about to retire, and is on the £400 a year. It can be easily understood how this is thus when he only received the paltry sum of £1,500 a year, and has only had his billet for 15 years. In view of this poverty stricken man's plight the Federal Government are seriously thinking about doling Sam out a pension of £1,750 a year. Capitalism certainly DOES look after its own. The workers who come back from France after doing a bit of stoush in the interests of the boss,

A. S. P. NEWS AND NOTES.

A.S.P. PICNIC.

The picnic as advertised in the "I.S." took place on Boxing Day at Stanwell Park, and was a great success.

Whoever has charge of the weather was in a good humor, and the morning opened propitiously with plenty of sunshine and a cool breeze.

The first train left Sydney at 8 a.m., and a batch of comrades left by it, but owing to the bad arrangements by the railway authorities for issuing tickets, the majority were obliged to catch a later train; and it was mutually agreed that things in that respect and several others would be much improved under a Bolshevik regime.

On arriving at their destination, the travellers from Sydney were joined by their comrades from Thirroul and Corrimall and mustered somewhere about two hundred or more.

Despite the early hour, the first business of the day was lunch, and over tea-pots and sandwiches, voices waxed eloquent and everybody seemed to try who could talk the loudest.

After lunch a cricket match was organized, and sides were taken headed by J. B. Scott and Lionel Teece.

As both sides flouted the idea of being Mensheviks, they finally took the names of Bolsheviks and the Spartacus group, and the former under the leadership of J. B. Scott triumphantly carried off the palm.

Races were then started and great amusement was derived, especially by the onlookers, from this sport.

By this time, it was drawing towards the tea hour, and the crowd assembled under a large tree, song books were produced, and proceedings began by singing the "Red Flag"; this drew quite a crowd of curious spectators. Other songs followed, and by the time Com. Reardon mounted an improvised platform to say a few words, quite a large mob were collected around the tree.

Coms. Scott and Nelson followed with short speeches, and finally the Red Flag was again sung with considerable enthusiasm.

The whole party then partook of tea, and soon after this important event tracks were made for home.

Altogether a splendid day was spent, and it was a tired but happy crowd of holiday makers who wended their way to the station en route for their different destinations.

CORRIMAL.

On Saturday last this branch, in conjunction with Thirroul Branch, held the first of a proposed series of propaganda meetings in Wollongong.

Comrade Browne, of Corrimall Branch, occupied the chair, and after explaining the object of the meeting, called upon Comrade Franks, secretary of Thirroul Branch, who touched briefly on the election results in Merrie England. He handled his subject well for a new speaker.

Comrade Browne then introduced Comrade G. Nelson, who, after explaining the principles and policy of the A.S.P., proceeded to analyse them and compare them with the policy of the A.L.P. and other reform parties. Comrade Nelson's address lasted fully an hour, and at the close he invited anyone who cared to confute his statements, to get on the box. A few questions of the usual sort were asked and satisfactorily answered. The sales of literature was fairly good.

This is a good field for propaganda work, and with the aid of a few speakers like Comrade Nelson, I think we will see a branch of the A.S.P. in Wollongong in the near future. Our comrade has promised us a return visit shortly.

R. BLAIR, Press Correspondent.

MELBOURNE.

On Sunday, Jan. 5th, Comrade J. B. Scott lectured at the hall on "European conditions and Revolutionary prospects."

In dealing with the British elections he pointed out that he was expressing the opinion of the world's revolutionary army when he said that the return of the hordes of reaction in Great Britain was the best thing possible for the working class movement. They were elected on

promises they could never hope to fulfil, and could not possibly last six months.

With the exit of the Tories it might just be possible for that party misrepresenting labor, the British Labor Party, to sweep the polls but with their policy of nationalization they could never meet the demands of the times, and the struggle in Great Britain would be a repetition of the struggle in Russia and Germany—the struggle between revolution and reform, and revolution would triumph. In his optimistic way he informed his audience that when we met here this time next year, it would not be to speak about the revolution that is to be, but rather to celebrate the revolution that will have been accomplished.

He pointed out the necessity of organization on the Industrial as well as on the political field and quoted De Leon as having said: "Without the Socialist Political movement the working class can never triumph; without the industrial organization of the working class the day of its political triumph would be the day of its defeat."

On Tuesday, January 7th, a special meeting of the branch was held to hear the delegate's report on the Sydney Conference. The meeting was largely attended, and so keen was the interest in the resolutions brought up at the Conference, that the discussion and explanation which followed made many late for their last train. It was decided to hold another special meeting in order to more fully discuss the resolutions.

Press Correspondent.

NEWCASTLE.

The French Labor delegates received a warm reception from the militants of Newcastle.

The report appearing in the "Sun" is almost correct. They only forgot to mention what the various working men and women had to say, about the Frenchmen when they had the floor during the time allowed for discussion. The "Sun" states that it was not a very large meeting, which is incorrect. It was a large meeting, and we kept it going till 11 o'clock. The same rag also forgot to mention that at the conclusion of the meeting, a large number of the men and women rose in a body and sang the Red Flag. Before the crowd left the building a comrade called out three cheers for our Bolshevik comrades of Russia, and what cheers they were that pealed from over a hundred throats of men and women. Another comrade called out for three cheers for our Spartacus comrades of Germany, and I can assure you that such cheers were never heard in the Newcastle Trades Hall at any time since it has been a Trades Hall.

It would be unsafe for me to attempt to tell you of the speeches made by members of the A.S.P. and other militants during the discussion, but when you peruse the report in the "Sun" you will understand what sort of a time the militants of the French workers got in Newcastle. They said they came to Australia for information, well, they have got some from Newcastle, and I hope they get some more in Sydney, as I believe they are going to meet the Labor Council of Sydney some time this week.

Jack Baddeley, the miners' president, is very sore over the way we put it over the Frenchmen; but it is not Jack's fault. He received word from one of the Labor members that the Frenchmen were coming to Newcastle, and he was requested to call a meeting to give the Frenchmen a reception, and also arrange a meeting of workers to hear the visitors, and for the visitors to hear what the workers had to say about things in general. Baddeley got into touch with J. L. Garden, of Sydney, who informed him that the Frenchmen were OK, on that advice Baddeley arranged the meetings as requested, and now he is sore to think that he had been entertaining two imperialistic jingoes.

Well, comrades, things are moving along fine in this district, and although the branch is not holding propaganda meetings under the A.S.P. auspices, our speakers are putting in good propaganda work, with the O.B.U. committee, and the propaganda is beginning to have the desired effect on the working class, the public meetings are well attended, and the I.S. is still selling well; there is also a keen desire for working class literature. Speaking generally, this district is showing signs of awaking from its long mental sleep. I have not got any idea when we will start out with propaganda meetings of our own. I am expecting it to be brought forward at the next branch meeting for consideration. The question of economic and speakers' classes will be discussed at our next meeting, and arranged.

arrangements made for the starting of same. — J.M.

SYDNEY BRANCH.

Affairs with the branch are progressing better than ever, and propaganda is going with a swing.

Sunday night lectures are especially well attended, so much so that seating accommodation cannot be found for the crowd, and we are looking out for a larger hall.

On Sunday, Dec. 29, Com. J. B. Scott, Melbourne's delegate to conference, gave an address on "The War that Counts." Our comrade was in excellent form, and for an hour and a half kept his audience intensely interested.

He pointed out the grim reality of the class struggle, and told several short anecdotes to prove his points.

Altogether a really interesting evening was spent, and much regret was expressed that Comrade Scott was obliged to return to Melbourne so soon.

On the following Sunday Com. Thomas, the conference delegate from Broken Hill, lectured on "Poverty and Revolution," and this comrade also kept his audience well entertained, while he explained the causes for poverty and the only means for its abolition.

Paper sales have been very good lately, and Domain meetings are in full swing. Coms. Reardon, Thomas, Nelson, Watkins, All and Gay have been the speakers, and they have been speaking to large crowds.

The special meeting called last Thursday to hear conference reports and nominate officers for the coming year, met as usual in the hall, and a large number of comrades were present.

However, on this particular evening the two French delegates, Messrs. Thompson and Hodges, were addressing the Trades and Labor Council, and the meeting adjourned en masse to the Trades Hall, in case the welcome extended to the former should not be warm enough.

The meeting will take place next Thursday night, when we hope for a good roll up as all kinds of plans for organization and propaganda are to be discussed.

MARCIA REARDON, Sec.

THIRROUL.

Here we are on deck again. Still they come, and grand material at that. On 29th December we had Com. Spencer Wood with us. He lectured to the branch economic class in the morning for two hours. A most interesting and thoroughly appreciated discourse, which will go a long way to make these lectures popular among the members of the branch.

In the afternoon Com. Wood held his very large audience in a solid grip of intense interest. Driving home to them the sound scientific facts of Socialism and the inhuman doings of the present capitalist system; contrasting the two, and pointing out to the people the need for their intelligent cooperation in order to overthrow the latter. Com. Wood hits hard, and fights all the way, and to use a capitalist phrase "is a splendid asset" to the Socialist cause.

On Saturday night, 14th Dec. Com. Nelson, together with members from Corrimall and Thirroul Branches, held a meeting in Wollongong, and for two and a half hours, Com. Nelson kept an immense audience in wrapt attention. It was a magnificent effort, which has scores of people thinking about Socialism, who had never before given it a thought.

On Sunday afternoon, 15th Dec., Com. Nelson again spoke for two hours at Thirroul Monument to a fair audience, which listened most attentively. Again the effort was splendid. The speaker pointed out to the people the utter futility of Parliamentary Action under the present system, and criticised severely the present day political methods, and its exponents; he also pointed out that the only way to get rid of the political farce was by backing up Revolutionary Political Action, as a destructive force, by intelligently organised industrial action as a constructive force.

Com. Nelson, however, is at his best when bringing to the notice of his hearers the various books and pamphlets that are for sale by the A.S.P. In consequence of this a large sale of literature was effected. It is by methods such as these that the people will be educated to their own needs, and their thoughts guided into Socialist principles and aims.

This branch intends to fight on until we make Thirroul and surrounding South Coast a plague-spot to the capitalist, and the humanitarian doctrines of Socialism are disseminated among the people with whom we live.

R. F. SUTHERLAND.

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